

William H. Cackley was elected Sheriff in 1876 for a 4 year term starting January 1. 1877 with Isaac McNeel and Richard Hill as his deputies. The county levy for 1873 was \$ 4,475.00 for 74 was for \$ 4,204.00 75 for \$ 4,329.00 for 76 \$ 4,033.00 for 77 \$ 3,981.52 for 78 \$ 4,033.86 all this had been raised at the rate of 24 cents per 100.00 valuation but the levy for 1879 was considerable higher \$ 5,723.91 the rate had to be increased to 36 cents in order to meet this raise. From all records available and all information obtainable it was almost impossible to get the land of the county assessed without considerable dissatisfaction so under an act of the legislature of 1872 and 73 a special Assessor was appointed to reassess the lands throughout the county. From all records available it appears there was more dissatisfaction in the Little Levels than any other section of the county. To this task they appointed John W. Warwick but after he had completed his work about all the court got done was to try and make adjustments and lower the value of farm lands throughout the county.

In the year 1875 Free Mason Lodge was formed at Huntersville and given a room in the Court House, also the Huntersville Grange another organization was given quarters in the Court House. These and many others were the accommodations that the citizens of Pocahontas County enjoyed at the expense of the county but not added expense. It was in 1873 that the Wash-

on, Cincinnati & St. Lewis R.R wanted Pocahontas County to subscribe
50,000.00 capital stock but the court would not act only after the
people of the county had voted on it so it was tabled for the time bein-
g to be disposed of at a later date.

Rev. M. D Dunlap served as County Superintendent for a short time in
1875 until another could be appointed.

In 1879 one of Pocahontas Countys long talked of problems was s~~e~~
ved for it was in that year that the county purchased a poor farm from
Robert G. Miller near Hillsboro containing 230 acres for which the county
paid \$ 4,300.00, this farm having many small dwellings used by the slaves
of the former owner made it a very desirable farm to take care of the less
fortunate of Pocahontas County. This poor farm was operated by the county
and accommodated many people during the time it was operated as such but
along about 1920 the county officials began to talk of disposing of this
farm and moving the paupers to Marlinton to be cared for by the Pocahontas
Memorial Hospital, so in 1922 the farm was disposed of and the inmates
moved to Marlinton. Thus the passing of the only farm of the kind in Poca-
hontas County, but to this day it is the opinion of a great many of the ci-
tizens of the county that we should have kept this farm to take care of the
dependents of Pocahontas County. A poor farm had been up for discussion by

the people of the county every since the formation of the county.

One of Pocahontas Countys' beloved servants begun his career as far as service to his county was concerned in 1876 this was Squire L. Brown who in 1876 was elected constable from the Greenbank District after serving his term as constable he was elected deputy clerk for John G. Beard then clerk of the county court, after serving his county in that capacity for some time and in 1884 offered himself as candidate for the Clerk Of The County Court and was elected, to this office he was elected every six years thereafter save for ane term when he was replaced about 1906 by the late C.J McCarty .Mr Brown having served the people of Pocahontas for a period of approximately 40 years the longest service that any citizen so far has attained. His long career as a county official is a living memory to the ones he served. Squire L. Brown was born August 22 1851 at Greenbank and departed this life June 14, 1934 thus the passing of Pocahontas Countys' oldest county official so far as service is concerned. Mr. Brown served as clerk at Huntersville long before the county seat was moved to Marlinton. It was his delight to serve his fellow men. Mr. Brown contributed much to the growth of our county government in making it efficient as far as he could.

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ He was replaced by our present County Clerk Moody Kincaid.

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